

## TO HAVE A NEW HOUSE.

### MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF POWHATAN CLUB.

Though the Plans are Not Clearly Defined, It Is Virtually Settled That the Democrats Will Have a Beautiful and Luxurious Establishment.

A very full meeting of the committee of eighteen, appointed by the Powhatan Club to look into the advisability and to provide ways and means for the erection of a new clubhouse, was held yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

The sub-committee on finance reported the progress made thus far, but the report was not in a tangible shape. It was determined, however, at the meeting that the house should be built and that on a most magnificent plan.

**ROUGH OUTLINE.**  
While the detailed plan has not as yet been decided upon or the architect selected, they are well satisfied in their own minds as to what the house will be.

The main part of the building is to be about sixty or seventy feet square and four stories high, built of brick, with stone trimmings. The front of the house is to face directly upon the street, and in the rear there will be an assembly room as wide as the house, one story high, besides a basement, and extending back about 150 feet from the front to the rear. The basement of this extension will be utilized as a gymnasium and equipped in the most improved manner.

The whole house will be a model metropolitan club with every luxury and convenience.

**SEVERAL SITES IN VIEW.**

"The site for the club is yet undecided, although the committee have several lots in view. They will only say that it will be in the central portion of the city, and within five or six blocks from the present clubhouse."

Besides the club rooms, assembly rooms, reading, game room and other apartments belonging to an establishment such as the new building will be, both the State and City Democratic committees will have their headquarters there.

The committee, which met yesterday evening, are in receipt of letters from Hon. John W. Daniel, Major Page, and other prominent Democrats, fully endorsing the movement and offering their hearty support, including non-resident membership. The club is authorized to possess a non-resident membership of five hundred, and the list is already growing very rapidly.

### AN ABATOIR FOR RICHMOND.

One of the Most Urgent Sanitary and Economic Needs of the City.

An abattoir at Richmond is a public necessity. This question should be considered from a sanitary, also from an economic standpoint. Slaughtering is now conducted without restriction, without inspection, is conducted in a filthy manner, and jeopardizing public health. The business is a public nuisance. The centre of the slaughtering business is along and just beyond Bacon's Quarter branch, and considerably nearer the Capitol than Richmond College. Cattle are received from the various railroads centering here and are delivered to consignees on the street, practically, and are driven through our crowded thoroughfares, becoming a source of annoyance to all, often a source of real danger, and always an apparent danger to ladies and children.

There are slaughtered at Richmond weekly about 300 hogs, 1,000 sheep, and the number is steadily increasing year by year. The report of the Department of Agriculture of Illinois gives the weight of the "unprofitable parts" of a steer at from 21 to 28 per cent. of the live weight. Our butchers are located in a section having but a most restricted amount of water, no sewerage whatever, and depend entirely on surface drainage to clear their premises. The offal from their slaughter-houses is deposited on the ground, there to be carried down into the soil, contaminating the water supply of a thickly settled neighborhood that when the people are dependent wholly on wells for their drinking water, or it is washed off by the rains and spread over a wide area, large quantities are carried into Bacon's Quarter branch and through the city a distance of three miles, the water of the branch receding, there is deposited along its flat banks a most offensive and dangerous amount of putrefying animal matter.

### FILTHY CONDITION.

An examination of our slaughter-houses show the most filthy and scandalous condition prevailing. Consider that for every steer killed about two hundred pounds of "unprofitable parts" is shovelled into the ground to rot, then consider the aggregate of this filth so deposited, and what must be the natural consequence of this unjustified deposit of animal matter.

The superintendent of the Moore-street school made a formal report to the School Board that the stench was so great from the slaughter-houses that he frequently has to close all the windows and doors on one side of the building when the wind is from the direction of these houses.

A child of one of our prominent butchers died but a short time ago after a lingering illness. I have it from the word of mouth of two of our leading physicians who attended this child that death was due directly to the poisonous surroundings of her home. If this is a fact, who is responsible?

### AN ECONOMIC STANDPOINT.

Consider the question from an economic standpoint. An abattoir would result in lessening the cost of handling stock, the utilizing of blood and other parts now wasted, and this saving alone would largely help to pay the running expenses of an abattoir. Discussing this question of waste in the present method, or lack of method, in slaughtering, several butchers have said to me that they wasted almost nothing that they fattened hogs in their "blood hole." The fattening of hogs on offal may be economy, but that custom will not help to prejudice the buyers in our Richmond market in favor of butchers who offer this meat for sale. Legislation which will compel a change of methods and the removal of the business from its present location will not be a hardship to our butchers.

Our butchers own property that would so greatly appreciate in value by the removal of the slaughtering nuisance that in the aggregate this appreciation would amount to many times the cost of an abattoir. Property owned by others than butchers, in the neighborhood of the slaughtering business, is depreciated in value and almost unsalable. The removal of the slaughtering business would result in appreciation in value amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, a most important consideration to property owners. The increase in taxable values is also an important consideration for the city, county and State.

### SANITARY CONTROL NEEDED.

That slaughtering is allowed to be conducted in the closest proximity to the city, and without sanitary control, is due entirely to the lack of information on the part of our people. A business may be conducted on a small scale in the neighborhood of a village, and very properly be considered right and necessary; yet the same business in the vicinity of a large city would be deemed an intolerable nuisance.

There are some people in this community who think that the slaughter-house nuisance should now be abolished; others, and perhaps the majority, believe that Richmond must soon have an abattoir, but postpone the consideration of the subject, not having a definite plan of relief to offer. The question is one that is in the thoughts of a great many of our people, and there is, perhaps, nothing demanding public attention at this time that is more important to public health and public interest than the proper solution of this question.

### A New Society.

Under the suggestion of Professor F. W. Boutwright, some sixty professors, officers and students of Richmond College met a few evenings ago to consider the practicability of forming a society for geographic and historic research. A good deal of enthusiasm was shown in the movement, and an association was formed and organized. The first work will be in the collection of maps and old documents, the first regular meeting. The library has promised good maps and other material, and it is proposed to correspond with kindred societies and do original work on various lines.

### Ambulance Calls.

The ambulance was called at 9:40 yesterday morning to the foot of Seventh street, where a white man was found sick on the street. He was taken to his home on Oregon Hill.

A second call for the ambulance was issued at 5:25 last evening from the corner of Twenty-first and Main streets, where two colored men had been engaged in a row and fight. One of them, Holmes by name, was hit with a brick in the mouth and had two teeth knocked out and his lip badly cut. He was taken to the almshouse.

### Police Court Statistics.

During the past month the Police Justice disposed of 174 criminal cases and tried 463 charges of ordinance violations, on criminal charges 19 persons were sent on to the Hustings Court for indictment by the grand jury. 25 were convicted of misdemeanor, 55 were sent to jail in default of surety for their good behavior, and 225 were fined.

City fines collected, \$635.70; State fines, \$27; costs, \$167.85. Total, \$830.55.

### Railroad Earnings.

The earnings of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad for January, 1891, were \$25,367.55; expenses, \$17,514.14; and the earnings of the Petersburg railroad for same month were \$43,147.74; expenses, \$28,139.10.

Messrs. Bowman, Boswell & Shuman, general agents of the Brooklyn Life Insurance Company, and of Sebree's addition to Richmond for the sale of lots which will commence to-morrow, advertised in another column, giving our citizens the grandest opportunity of the age for a solid investment. This firm are doing a grand work in developing the suburbs in the north-eastern part of the city.

### MILLER & RHODES.

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Easter Dress Fabrics!

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Beautiful Kid Gloves!

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SHOULDER SHAWLS, PILLOW-SHAMS, TABLE-COVERS, DRESS SATINES, AND LINEN-BOSOM SHIRTS!

We break the ice and permit the sparkling stream of Spring Styles and Spring Fashions to flow in upon our patrons. Winter hangs like the last fragment of a thunder storm before a rainbow of peace. It is practically a thing of the past, and we prepare for the sunshine of spring. Nothing premature in our announcement or our methods. Spring Novelties are not announced until they knock at the door. The earliest fancies have no right to recognition beside the latest. Ten days ago we and the attractions which we shall offer this week were strangers. Ten days ago the styles that are newest and best had not been set afloat in the channels of trade. The mill-mark is hardly dry on them yet. If you would see the latest, select assortment, you must see them here! Not so particular about the quantity as the variety. Needless to look anywhere for what we haven't got—more than useless to seek for lower prices than ours.

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### MILLER & RHODES—Continued.

New Scotch Plaids, 50c.

New Serge Plaids, 50c.

Finest Black French Henriettas, 75c.

(A special bargain. We emphasize it. They're 46 inches wide, a fine, VERY FINE weave, beautiful raven black, and THE RETAIL PRICE IS A DOLLAR A YARD.)

New China Silks, 50c.

(Full 21 inches wide, in cream, pink, light blue, orange, cardinal and lavender.)

New Silk Velvets Only \$1.

(To match the new shades of dress goods.)

New French Flannels, 65c.

(The genuine, in beautiful designs on cream grounds, specially adapted to infants' wraps, &c.)

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BEAUTIFUL KID GLOVES!

Kid Gloves, new and catchy, are as essential to a well-dressed lady as a spoonful of cream is to a cup of coffee. No matter how expensive the dress the gloves must be in harmony to insure that *l'air ensemble* which is the goal of good taste. To learn the secret of dressing and gloving well call upon us. A little while ago the wealthy alone could appear well dressed. To-day any young lady, no matter how moderate her income, can appear in the garb of respectability if she will only buy where she can buy the best for the least money.

What say you to these stupendous Glove Bargains?

4-Button Kid Gloves, 65c.

(Undressed Kid in the correct shades of tan.)

4-Button Kid Gloves, 75c.

(Dressed Kid, in tan, brown, and black.)

Real French Kid Gloves, \$1.

(4-button lengths, very soft and elastic, in tan gray, and black.)

Mousquetaire Gloves, \$1.

(3-button lengths in tan and gray.)

Finest Real Kid Gloves, \$1.25.

(4-button lengths, in black, tan, and gray. A regular \$1.50 grade.)

Finest Mousquetaire Gloves, \$1.35.

(An exceptional FINE Glove, in black and all shades of tan and gray, sell everywhere for \$1.50.)

SPECIAL

UMBRELLA

BARGAINS!

A Silk Umbrella is a thing of beauty and a joy for a good while. We are going to give you a real bargain in a rattling coming week that will make the Glorias and the cheap counterfeits weep. These will offer in every superior Silk Umbrella, 26 and 28 inches, in ladies' and gentlemen's sizes, for \$1.98. These bear in mind, are the regular every-day \$2.50 and \$3 grade of the trade. They have handles of oxidized silver and large knobs plated with 18-carat gold. The handles and the gold knobs, not to speak of the paragon frames and covering, which is of the finest, are actually worth what we ask.

In with these to make the bargain boil over, we will throw 21 really handsome Silk Umbrellas, 26 and 28 inches, for \$1.67. They are positively worth \$2.25. This is a straight bona-fide offer, such as we usually make, and must not be confused with promises that fall short of fulfillment!

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Shawls, Pillow-Shams, &c.

A few of the many things to be found this week in the list of special bargains are the following:

Good Shoulder Shawls, 25c.

(cut from 32, 35 1/2 and 42c.)

Large Wool Shawls Cut to 89c.

(A general reduction on Shawls. These are all wool and were \$1.25.)

Cambrie Pillow-Shams, 50c.

(Cambrie Pillow-Shams, with cambrie ruffles, are cheap at 90c. a pair. Try to make them for the price and see!)

Fine Felt Table Covers Cut to \$1.75.

(1 1/2 yards square, were \$3.)

Fine New Dress Satines, 12 1/2c.

(Special new designs and fine cloth.)

Linen Bosom Shirts, 25c.

(Shirts we are closing out; some slightly soiled, but the price is startling! Sizes 12 1/2 to 16 1/2.)

Pleated Bosom Shirts, 75c.

(The best! No custom shirt at \$1.25 is any better. The stock is slightly soiled, and the cut is new to reduce stock. Can't duplicate for less than \$1.)

This is really the first gun of the spring season. It is, indeed, the stepping-stone to Easter shopping. We begin away down in price so as to catch the current of trade at its height. Some time in the midsummer some would-be competitors will quote these same prices on similar goods to make an after-noon to a fresh profit, but we begin to sell now when people are buying, our entire stock of New Spring Goods, and are satisfied that the small-profit, quick-sale principle will prevail and pull intelligent trade from every corner of Richmond.

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